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A TOUR FOR AMERICAN FRIENDS OF THE GEORGIAN GROUP 8-12 OCTOBER 2018

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The annual country house tour arranged for the American Friends of Georgian Group will take place in 'the Rose of the Shires', Northamptonshire, from Monday 8th – Friday 12th October. The Trustees of the Georgian Group look forward to welcoming its American Friends with a Reception on the evening of Sunday 7th October. The tour will depart from and end in London and during the tour we will stay at Fawsley Hall, itself a Grade I mansion set in formal gardens with a 'Capability' Brown park and grounds.

With its gently rolling green hills and woodlands, Northamptonshire provides an idyllic setting for its rich

array of great houses. These jewels of architecture contain a treasure trove of glorious paintings, exquisite furniture, decoration and beautiful *objets d'art*. Many of these houses are also set within notably lovely gardens.

Our host in Scotland last year, the Duke of Buccleuch and Queensbury, has generously opened his great house of Boughton to us. This palatial house, sometimes called 'The English Versailles', has an unparalleled collection of Louis XIV furniture by André-Charles Boulle amongst many other treasures. The restoration of the grounds, a six-year project undertaken under the Duke's care, features the

remarkable design of 'Orpheus' by the renowned garden designer, Kim Wilkie.

The finale of the tour will be the candlelit Gala Dinner at Althorp, the home of Earl Spencer, following a privileged tour of one of Europe's finest private collections of furniture, paintings and ceramics.

Throughout the tour there will be the opportunity to explore some of the best houses, not just in the county, but in the country as a whole. We look forward to welcoming you on what promises to be a remarkable tour of one of England's best-kept secret counties.

The tour starts from London on Monday 8th October and you will be picked up from outside the Rembrandt Hotel in London. The tour ends on Friday 12th October at the same point after a morning visit and lunch.

Fees cover all expenses to include exclusive accommodation and breakfast at Fawsley Hall with candlelit dinner with wine, all lunches with wine, entry fees and travel by private luxury coach. There is no single supplement payable.

A non-refundable fee of \$1,000 per person by June 1st secures a place, with non-refundable remaining fees of \$4,100 due by July 1st.

**It is highly recommended that applicants take out full travel insurance.** Personal insurance is the responsibility of each participant.



*Top: The Marlborough Room, Althorp*

*Above: The Great Hall, Kelmarsh Hall*

*Above right: Boughton House (Buckleuch Collection)*

*Right: The Wootton Hall, Althorp (Photo: Stacey Osborne)*





## THE GEORGIAN GROUP

Britain's architectural heritage is one of the nation's greatest assets and the Georgian period (broadly 1700–1837) gave us some of our most beautiful buildings.

The Georgian Group, supported by The American Friends of the Georgian Group, is the national charity dedicated to preserving Georgian buildings and gardens. Its importance is recognised by our Patron, HRH The Prince of Wales.

Every year we are consulted on over 6,000 planning applications involving demolition or alterations. Our intervention has helped save many Georgian buildings and protect others from unsympathetic alterations. It is often through our influence that a better solution is found.

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*Front cover: Althorp*

*Below: Cottesbrooke Hall*



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The tour this October will set out from London – from the Rembrandt Hotel (11 Thurloe Place, London SW7 2RS) – and take you to **Fawsley Hall**, Fawsley, Daventry, Northants. The cost of the trip, \$5,100, includes four nights at Fawsley Hall. **The price is fully inclusive of your accommodation, all meals with wine, accompanied visits and luxury coach travel.** You will be receiving a special invitation from the Chairman of the Georgian Group, Christopher Boyle, QC, to join the Trustees of the Group at a pre-tour Reception on Sunday 7 October at 6.30 p.m.

Profits from The American Friends tour go to support the salaries of the caseworkers of The Georgian Group who operate throughout England and Wales.

**Please note:** Travel from the States to London and back is not included and a passport valid for six months after the date of your return is needed for travel.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to hold your reservation. If the trip becomes full we will establish a waiting list. Hotel rooms will be allocated on a first-come-first-

served basis. The balance of your payment is due by July 1, 2018. Unless full payment is received by that date, reservations may be cancelled and openings filled from the waiting list.

We recommend that all travellers take out full trip insurance as well as personal insurance. The American Friends of the Georgian Group cannot be responsible for circumstances beyond our control. All participants must be American Friends of the Georgian Group or Georgian Group members.

## Registration

Please reserve  place(s) for the October 8-12 Visit to Northamptonshire at \$5,100 per person.

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There is no single supplement payable. If sharing a room please state preference

Twin beds  Double bed.

Deposit (\$1,000.00 per person) is enclosed

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If you are not a current member of The American Friends of the Georgian Group, please add \$110.00 membership fee

\$

Total enclosed (please make checks payable to The American Friends of the Georgian Group)

\$

Name

Address

Telephone

E-mail address

I confirm that I have read the information above and the terms and conditions and agree to full payment by July 1, 2018.

Signature

Date

## Notes

1. Transportation between sites will be by coach.
2. In order to enjoy our tour (and to ensure that other participants are not held up or inconvenienced) you must be reasonably fit, i.e. able to manage with ease uneven house steps; able to stroll at a normal pace for at least 20 minutes; go up and down a flight of stairs without assistance; stand for 10/15 minutes; cope with getting on and off the bus. If your circumstances change after booking and prior to your departure, it is essential that you contact the American Friends of the Georgian Group or the Georgian Group. In the event that a participant is deemed unfit to take part in certain aspects of the tour, please note that it is unfortunately not possible to offer partial refunds.
3. The participant should communicate any special dietary or other requirements to the American Friends of the Georgian Group in good time prior to the event.

## Terms and Conditions

1. The advertised prices may be subject to adjustment, subject to variations in transportation costs, including the cost of fuel, dues, taxes or fees chargeable for services, as well as exchange rates. Any adjustments to the advertised costs will be notified as quickly as is reasonably possible. Should this eventuality arise then the participant has the right to withdraw from the contract and is to notify the organiser as soon as possible and no more than one week following notification.
2. Should the above occur, the organiser is not responsible for any costs of a substitute package.

3. If the tour is cancelled because the number of participants who have agreed to take it is less than the minimum number required [10] a full refund of monies paid will be given, but The Georgian Group is liable for no compensation to the participant.
4. The Georgian Group will be liable for no compensation to the participant over and above a full refund of money paid should the tour be cancelled as a result of unusual or unforeseeable circumstances which are beyond the control of The Georgian Group.
5. Should any significant part of the advertised tour not be provided, after departure, The Georgian Group will make every effort to substitute with alternative arrangements, at no extra cost to the participant, but will not be responsible for any compensation as a result of this eventuality.
6. By completing and signing the booking form, the participant agrees to waive all claims and suits against, defend, release and hold harmless The Georgian Group and its officers, agents, representatives, and affiliated support organisations for any and all liability for personal injury, death, property damage or loss of any nature whatsoever arising from his/her participation in the tour.
7. The Georgian Group accepts no liability to the participant for any damage caused to or by him/her, or improper performances, by third parties, such as hotels or coach companies or their representatives, nor any unusual or unforeseeable circumstances in this regard.
8. Individual travel and health insurance is the responsibility of each participant.

*Fawsley Hall*



*The State Bed in the Third State Room, Boughton House (Buccleuch Collection)*

